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Arlington Select Board

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CC: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager
Daniel Amstutz, Senior Transportation Planner

Dear Arlington Select Board,

Today, I am writing to you with the endorsement of several residents from the Crosby Street neighborhood (signed below with email addresses), to ask for your assistance with speed limit enforcement on the far end of Crosby Street.

On October 29, 2020, I wrote an email to Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager, asking for his assistance in this issue. As a result of that email, on Friday, November 13, 2020, Lindsay Sweeney (Langley Road), Laura and Matt Tikonoff (Falmouth Road), and I had a virtual meeting with Daniel Amstutz, Senior Transportation Planner for the Town of Arlington. Mr. Amstutz suggested that we write to the Arlington Select Board to ask that the Transportation Advisory Committee look into traffic calming measures on Crosby Street. This is why we are writing today.

Our concern is the area of Crosby Street from College Avenue to the end, where Crosby meets Old Mystic Street (Precinct 13). I have included a map with this portion of our neighborhood and the addresses of those signing this letter highlighted. Crosby Street at this end, is treated like a through-street by many drivers and commercial vehicles (landscapers, builders, delivery trucks, etc.) entering Arlington from Winchester and Woburn. Cars and trucks accelerate up the hill from Old Mystic Street, or down the hill from Hutchinson, and keep driving at a good speed (~40 MPH or greater) past Falmouth Road, Upland Road and down the hill past College Avenue. There are no signs indicating the 25 MPH speed limit, nor are there stop signs on the road that would force drivers to slow down at the many intersections on or near Crosby Street. Let me emphasize that the issue is not the amount of cars and trucks on Crosby Street, it is the speed that many of them take on the wide road.

Our neighborhood is changing dramatically. I have lived in this house at the end of Crosby Street for over 15 years. When we moved in, most of my neighbors were older residents or families with grown children or kids in college. In the past few years, many of those houses have sold, and several new homes have been built. Now there are many more young children in the neighborhood.

Some of these kids are learning to ride bicycles, others are learning to walk, and there are many that play in their driveways or yards with siblings and family. Now, with the Covid-19 pandemic, more children are at home during the school days. The playing outside continues, and there is a much greater concern about the speed of the traffic on Crosby Street. These vehicles are traveling too fast to see the children playing, people on bicycles, or neighbors walking. We would like something done to alleviate the speed issue before there is an accident.

Our understanding is that the town-wide speed limit is now 25 Miles per Hour, including the far end of Crosby Street. We would ask that the Transportation Advisory Committee study the traffic speed and determine appropriate measures to ensure this neighborhood is safe for all. This may include:

1. Greater police presence on Crosby Street from College Avenue to the end at Old Mystic Street, specifically throughout the days when the weather is good and young children will be playing outside.
2. A speed feedback sign, placed at the island at the intersection of Falmouth Road and Crosby Street.
3. One or two signs indicating the 25 MPH speed limit on Crosby Street, to be placed between Old Mystic Street and Upland Road.
4. Stop signs on Crosby Street at College Avenue, to slow traffic in both directions.
5. Stop sign on Hutchinson Road at Old Mystic, to slow traffic on Old Mystic as it approaches Crosby Street.
6. Moving the Stop Sign on Falmouth Road as it approaches Crosby Street to the island at Falmouth Road's intersection with Crosby Street. Currently, this Stop Sign is too far from the intersection to allow drivers to see oncoming traffic.

I appreciate any assistance you can provide. Please feel free to contact any of us if you need additional information.

Thank you,

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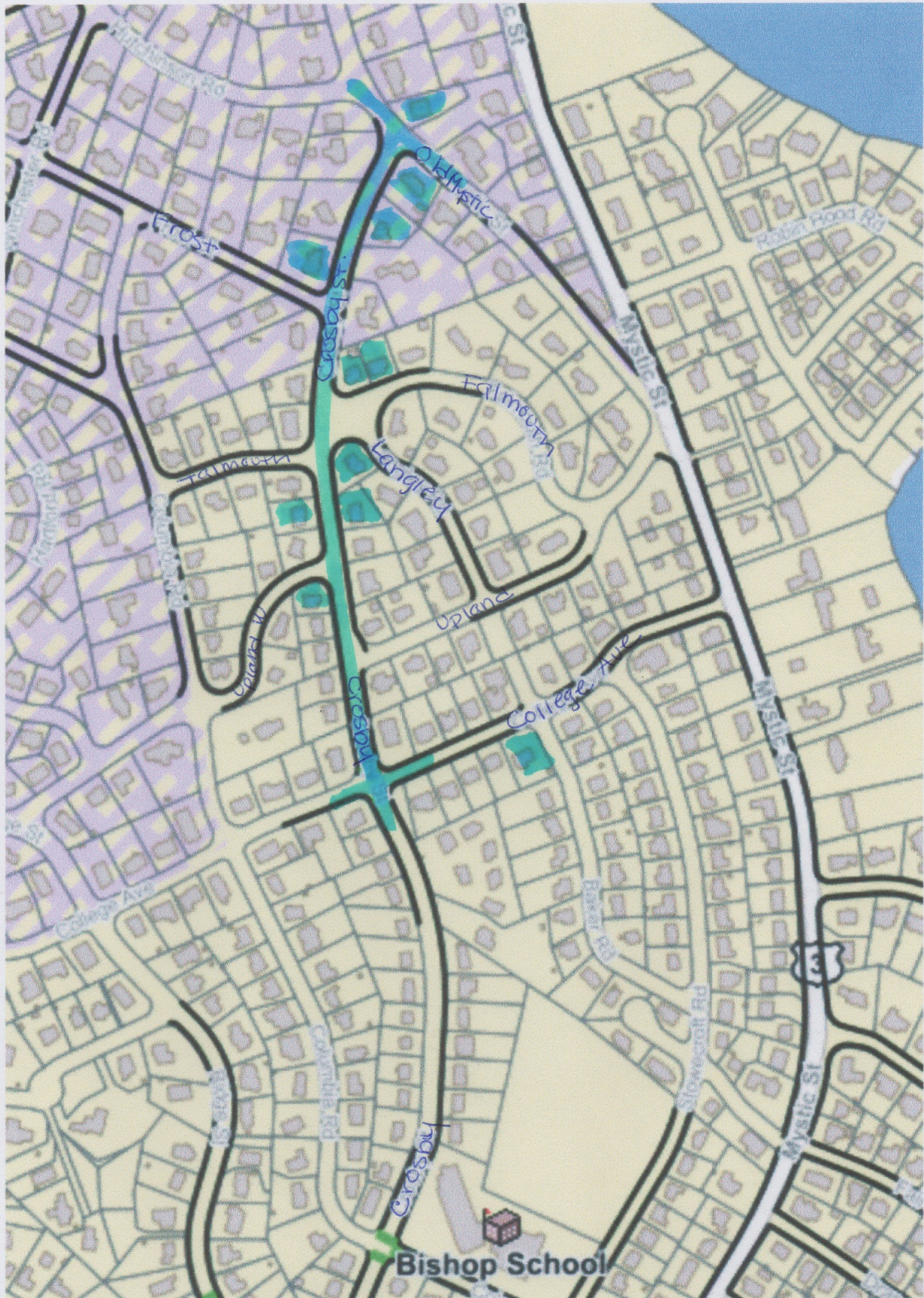
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Crosby St. from Old Mystic St. to Bishop School



Area of Concern + signers of letter (11/23/20)